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Press Release April 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 940,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on April 1, 2005, down 2 percent from March 1, 2005 and down 6 percent from April 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 455,000 head on feed, down 2 percent from last month, but up 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 485,000 head on feed, down 1 percent and 16 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Placements during March totaled 92,000 head, down 5 percent and 22 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 55,000 head, a decrease of 4 percent and 20 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 37,000 month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for March were 103,000 head, up 10 percent from last month, but down 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 64,000 head, up 16 percent and 14 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 39,000 head, unchanged from last month, but down 32 percent from last year. Other

disappearance totaled 4,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on April 1, 2005. The inventory was 1 percent above April 1, 2004 and 1 percent above April 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.99 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.80 million head, down 6 percent from 2004. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 13 percent below 2003. This is the second lowest placements for the month of March since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.69 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 299,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 614,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 527,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.97 million, up slightly from 2004 and 9 percent above 2003. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 3 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2005	465	490	955
March Placements	55	37	92
March Marketings	64	39	103
March Other Disappearance	1	3	4
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2005	455	485	940

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ¹**

State	Cattle on Feed April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			March Disappearance other than Slaughter ²		
	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	293	323	110	33	27	82	32	24	75	3	2	67
CA	495	500	101	70	65	93	71	70	99	4	10	250
CO	970	1,020	105	150	175	117	190	185	97	10	10	100
ID	255	240	94	39	44	113	46	53	115	3	1	33
IA	415	455	110	69	55	80	56	64	114	3	1	33
KS	2,360	2,340	99	460	445	97	470	460	98	20	15	75
NE	2,210	2,260	102	295	300	102	350	350	100	5	10	200
NM	105	113	108	16	13	81	21	23	110	2	2	100
OK	330	325	98	74	61	82	77	73	95	2	3	150
SD	205	205	100	33	31	94	36	34	94	2	2	100
TX	2,640	2,620	99	490	480	98	530	540	102	10	10	100
WA	185	159	86	35	22	63	34	47	138	1	1	100
Oth Sts	300	310	103	46	42	91	54	50	93	2	2	100
US	10,763	10,870	101	1,810	1,760	97	1,967	1,973	100	67	69	103

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots
by Quarter, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	April 1, 2004	January 1, 2005	April 1, 2005	April 1, 2004	January 1, 2005	April 1, 2005	April 1, 2004	January 1, 2005	April 1, 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ	289	323	317	4	7	6	0	1	0
CA	465	495	480	30	40	20	0	0	0
CO	575	665	620	390	410	390	5	5	10
ID	160	184	149	95	111	91	0	0	0
IA	260	305	300	154	144	154	1	1	1
KS	1,230	1,310	1,320	1,110	1,080	995	20	20	25
NE	1,300	1,390	1,410	890	890	835	20	20	15
NM	49	80	71	56	46	42	0	0	0
OK	200	225	215	129	125	106	1	0	4
SD	112	98	110	81	74	83	12	20	12
TX	1,670	1,750	1,680	967	947	936	3	3	4
WA	115	110	92	70	79	63	0	1	4
Oth Sts	205	240	225	90	93	82	5	7	3
US	6,630	7,175	6,989	4,066	4,046	3,803	67	78	78